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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 30.

THURSDAY, 17TH MAY, 1962.

1. The House met, at half-past ten o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker (the Honorable Sir John McLeay) took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. PETITION.—Mr. Bryant presented a Petition from certain electors of the Division of Wills praying that the Government take immediate steps to impress on the Governments of the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the dangers involved in the testing of nuclear weapons and to urge them to refrain from further testing and to co-operate in achieving full scale disarmament. Petition received and read.
3. QUESTIONS.—Questions without notice were answered.
4. UNITED STATES NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION—ESTABLISHMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Mr. Menzies (Prime Minister), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to the establishment by the Government of the United States of America of a Naval Communications Station at North West Cape, Western Australia.
5. POST OFFICE—ILLEGAL BETTING IN VICTORIA—COMMISSION OF INQUIRY—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—PRINTING OF PAPER.—Mr. Davidson (Postmaster-General), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement informing the House of the terms of reference of a Commission of Inquiry which the Government had decided to appoint to inquire into allegations of improper conduct and failure of co-operation with the Victorian police on the part of postal officers in connexion with gambling activities in Victoria and, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General, laid upon the Table the following Paper:—
Post Office—Illegal Betting in Victoria—Commission of Inquiry—Ministerial Statement, 17th May, 1962—
and moved, That the Paper be printed.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.
6. DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS—SEATO ACTIVITIES—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT.—Sir Garfield Barwick (Minister for External Affairs), by leave, made a Ministerial Statement with reference to developments in Laos and informed the House of certain activities by SEATO Members connected therewith.
7. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor-General—
Commonwealth Education Conference (Second), New Delhi, 11th to 25th January, 1962—
Report of Conference.
Report of the Australian Delegation.
Statement by the Prime Minister.
Commonwealth Office of Education—Report for 1961.
Commonwealth Scholarships Board—Report for 1961.
The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
Life Insurance Act—Sixteenth Annual Report of the Insurance Commissioner, for 1961.
Northern Territory (Administration) Act—Ordinance—1962—No. 12—Welfare 1961.

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8. SUPPLY ["GRIEVANCE DAY"].—Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 291, the Order of the Day having been read for going into the Committee of Supply—
Question proposed—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair.

Debate ensued.

It being fifteen minutes to one o'clock p.m., the debate was interrupted in accordance with Standing Order No. 291.

Question—That the Speaker do now leave the Chair—put and negatived.

Ordered—That the House will, at a later hour this day, resolve itself into the said Committee.

9. CIVIL AVIATION (CARRIERS' LIABILITY) BILL 1962.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed by Mr. Whitlam who moved, as an amendment, That all words after "Bill" be omitted with a view to inserting the following words in place thereof:—"be withdrawn and redrafted to incorporate, in relation to interstate and territorial air services—

(a) the general principle of unlimited liability at law for negligence on the part of airline operators in respect of passengers, cargo and baggage, and

(b) at least the same minimal liabilities for safe carriage of goods, registered baggage and passengers hand luggage as set under the Hague Protocol".

Question—That the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

The House divided (The Speaker, Sir John McLeay, in the Chair)—

AYES, 60.

Mr. Adermann	Mr. Davidson	Mr. Fox	Mr. King	Mr. Swartz
Mr. Allan	Mr. Davis	Mr. J. M. Fraser	Mr. Leslie	Mr. Townley
Mr. Anthony	Mr. Dean	Mr. Freeth	Mr. Lindsay	Mr. Turner
Mr. Barnes	Mr. Downer	Mr. Hasluck	Mr. Lucock	Mr. Wentworth
Sir G. Barwick	Mr. Drummond	Mr. Haworth	Mr. Mackinnon	Mr. Whittorn
Mr. Bate	Mr. Drury	Mr. Holt	Mr. McEwen	Mr. Wilson
Mr. Brimblecombe	Mr. England	Mr. Holten	Mr. McMahon	
Mr. Buchanan	Mr. Erwin	Mr. Howson	Mr. McNeill	
Mr. Bury	Mr. Failes	Mr. Jack	Mr. Nixon	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Chipp	Mr. Fairbairn	Mr. Jess	Mr. Opperman	
Mr. Cleaver	Mr. Fairhall	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robertson	
Mr. Cockle	Mr. Falkinder	Sir W. Kent Hughes	Mr. Snedden	Mr. Chaney
Mr. Cramer	Mr. Forbes	Mr. Killen	Mr. Stokes	Mr. Turnbull

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Mr. Armitage	Mr. Cope	Mr. Gray	Mr. McGuren	Mr. Stewart
Mr. Barnard	Mr. Costa	Mr. Griffiths	Mr. McIvor	Mr. Thompson
Mr. Beaton	Mr. Courtney	Mr. Harding	Mr. Minogue	Mr. Uren
Mr. Beazley	Mr. Crean	Mr. Harrison	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Ward
Mr. Bryant	Mr. Cross	Mr. Hayden	Mr. O'Brien	Mr. Webb
Mr. Cairns	Mr. Curtin	Mr. Haylen	Mr. O'Connor	Mr. Whitlam
Mr. C. R. Cameron	Mr. Daly	Mr. James	Mr. Peters	
Mr. D. J. Cameron	Mr. Davies	Mr. Johnson	Mr. Pollard	
Mr. Clark	Mr. Einfeld	Mr. Jones	Mr. Reynolds	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Clay	Mr. Fuller	Mr. Kearney	Mr. Riordan	
Mr. Collard	Mr. Fulton	Mr. Luchetti	Mr. Russell	Mr. Coutts
Mr. Comber	Mr. Galvin	Mr. Makin	Mr. Sexton	Mr. Duthie

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Bill, by leave, taken as a whole, and agreed to.

Bill to be reported without amendment.

The House resumed; Mr. Lucock reported accordingly.

On the motion of Mr. Townley (Minister representing the Minister for Civil Aviation), the House adopted the Report, and, by leave, the Bill was read a third time.

10. TRADING BANK FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS—MINISTERIAL STATEMENT—MOTION FOR PRINTING PAPER.—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the following motion of Mr. Holt (Treasurer), That the Paper [presented on the 12th April, 1962], viz.:—

Trading Bank Facilities and Arrangements—Ministerial Statement—
be printed—

Suspension of Standing Orders—Extended Time for Speech.—Mr. Townley (Minister for Defence) moved, by leave, That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would prevent Mr. Crean speaking for a period not exceeding 40 minutes.

Question—put and passed.

Debate resumed.

Motion withdrawn, by leave.

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11. **PRINTING COMMITTEE—FIRST REPORT.**—Mr. Erwin (Chairman) brought up the First Report from the Printing Committee (sitting in conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate).
The Report was read by the Clerk, as follows:—

REPORT.

The Printing Committee have the honour to report that they have met in Conference with the Printing Committee of the Senate.

The Joint Committee, having considered the Petitions and Papers presented to Parliament since the last meeting of the Committee, and other Papers, motions for the printing of which lapsed with the close of the Session in October last, recommend that the following be printed:—

Atomic Energy Act—Australian Atomic Energy Commission—Ninth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1960–61.

Colombo Plan—Australia's Part—Progress Report to 31st December, 1961.

Commonwealth Office of Education—Annual Report for 1961.

Commonwealth Railways Act—Report by Commonwealth Railways Commissioner, for year 1960–61.

National Library Act—Council of the National Library of Australia—First Annual Report, for year 1960–61.

Public Works Committee Act—Twenty-seventh General Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works.

Representation Act—

Certificate of the Chief Electoral Officer of the Numbers of the People of the Commonwealth and of the several States as at 30th June, 1961.

Determination, made by the Chief Electoral Officer, of the Representation of the States in the House of Representatives, dated 22nd December, 1961.

Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Act—Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority—Twelfth Annual Report and financial statements, together with the Auditor-General's Report, for year 1960–61.

United Nations—General Assembly—

Sixteenth Session, New York, 19th September to 20th December, 1961—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Resumed Sixteenth Session, New York, 15th January to 23rd February, 1962—Report of the Australian Delegation.

Wool Marketing Committee of Enquiry—Report, February, 1962.

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Chairman.

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Mr. Erwin moved, by leave, That the Report be agreed to.

Question—put and passed.

12. **MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.**—Messages from the Senate were reported returning the following Bills without amendment:—

17th May, 1962—*Message*—

No. 50—Gold-Mining Industry Assistance 1962.

No. 51—International Wheat Agreement 1962.

No. 52—Appropriation (No. 2) 1961–62 (*without requests*).

No. 53—Appropriation (Works and Services) (No. 2) 1961–62.

No. 54—Supply 1962–63 (*without requests*).

No. 55—Supply (Works and Services) 1962–63.

13. **PAPERS.**—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—

Australian National University Act—Statutes—

No. 52—Chancellorship.

No. 53—Pro-Chancellorship.

No. 54—Professorial Board.

Lands Acquisition Act—Land acquired for defence purposes—Woomera, South Australia.

14. **SPECIAL ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House, at its rising, adjourn until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, which time of meeting shall be notified by Mr. Speaker to each Member by telegram or letter.
Question—put and passed.

15. **LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO ALL MEMBERS.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That leave of absence be given to every Member of the House of Representatives from the determination of this sitting of the House to the date of its next sitting.
Question—put and passed.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**—Mr. McMahon (Minister for Labour and National Service) moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Closure.—Mr. McMahon moved, That the question be now put.
Question—That the question be now put—put and passed.
And the question—That the House do now adjourn—was put accordingly, and passed.

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And then the House, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock p.m., adjourned until a date and hour to be fixed by Mr. Speaker, and to be notified by him to each Member by telegram or letter as determined by Resolution of the House at this sitting.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except Mr. Bird, Mr. A. D. Fraser and Mr. Hansen.

A. G. TURNER,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.